Challenges

- Memory
- Communication
- Programmability / Efficiency
- Power
- System Robustness

Novel Approaches

- PIM--Processor Integrated Memory
- Choreography of data and computation
- Wires first (communication-centric)

Without This Research

- Microprocessor performance stagnates
- Multiprocessor growth is driven only by commodity microprocessors
- Relative latency increases and harder to use coarse granularity
- SW is impossible to afford
- No new computing models

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With This Research

- High-end computing available
- High-end systems easily usable
- Impact commodity & embedded
- Enable applications
- Exponential performance increase

Investment Strategy

- Industry is evolutionary only (desktop focus)
- Collaborations
 - DOD, DOE, NSA, NSF etc have problems
- Mixed Scale of Efforts
 - Building Stuff (academics)
 - Integrated HW/SW projects
 - Industry and university collaborations

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Other Issues Addressed

- Rethink OS/Systems SW at the same time (e.g. VM)
- Algorithm, modeling
- Greater architecture independence, portability, and adaptability